

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
BEAUMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION 2021-22-17

DISTRICT COVID-19 MITIGATION MEASURES

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2021, the Governor’s office issued a press release directing the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to require a COVID-19 vaccination for all K-12 students once the vaccine is fully approved by the Federal Food & Drug Administration (FDA); and

WHEREAS, that while the Board of Trustees of the Beaumont Unified School District understands and supports the goals of the Governor and the CDPH to stop the spread of COVID-19, we believe that these decisions should be made at the local level based on local health conditions; and

WHEREAS, this Board and Administration intends on implementing all the laws and regulations mandated by the federal, state, and local government; and

WHEREAS, the Board directed the Superintendent to convey to the Governor, the leaders of the State Senate and State Assembly, the Senate Committee on Health, the head of CDPH, and the head of Riverside County Public Health with a statement of the Board’s strong support of the following principles: the return of governing power to the local county departments of public health to establish safety protocols for local school districts; parental choice in making health decisions for their children; providing students with the opportunity to return to a normal in-person classroom setting; and

WHEREAS, if families leave traditional K-12 school settings, or leave California due to the COVID-19 mandates, public and private school employee jobs will be lost. Some parents will leave the workforce to provide homeschooling. If a significant number of jobs are disrupted in this manner, it could have a negative effect on the state economy, as it did during the months of “distance learning”; and

WHEREAS, while we respect the right of parents to choose the most suitable educational programs for their children, we believe the COVID-19 mandates will result in large numbers of families choosing to leave traditional in-person schooling for lower quality instructional programs; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and Beaumont Unified School District have acknowledged that the best academic and social-emotional outcomes for students come from traditional in-person classroom instruction; and

WHEREAS, the Board continues to prioritize achieving a proper balance between health and safety for the District’s students and employees, an effective learning and working environment, and protection of personal choice and liberties to the greatest extent allowable under the law as it may change from time to time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Beaumont Unified School District asks that the State of California legislature uphold the constitutionally guaranteed right to provide informed consent before proceeding with any medical procedure of residents of the State of California for themselves and their children; and allow for parents, students and staff to have a choice in the matter by recommending and not requiring the COVID-19 vaccine for students and staff of TK-12 grade Local Education Agencies (LEAs).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Beaumont Unified School District will petition the State of California that the COVID-19 Vaccine be a recommendation and not a requirement for students and staff. This resolution will be shared with the offices of California Assembly Member Mayes, State Senator Ochoa Bogh, State Senator Pan, Chair of the Senate Health Committee, Governor Newsom, the Riverside County Public Health Department, and the California Department of Public Health.

Passed and adopted this 14th day of December 2021.

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

Shawn D. Mitchell
Clerk, Board of Trustees
Beaumont Unified School District